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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(A) FOR WITHDRAWAL  
OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

MS Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment mailed May 5, 2004 for allegedly failing to file a response to an Office Action mailed September 23, 2003.

The undersigned respectfully submits that an Amendment was received and responded to as evidenced by the enclosed copy of undersigned's email confirmation by the USPTO along with a copy of the January 20, 2004 filing.

Applicants also submit that it is the policy of CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP to docket a filing as filed in the USPTO after the amendment has been transmitted by facsimile. The attached docket report for the present application indicates that a response to the Office Action was filed on January 20, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the prosecution of the application proceed.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20459-00355-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: May 7, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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